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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS IN MATTI GOLAN BOOK

1. JANUARY 30 WASHINGTON POST PRINTS CHICAGO SUN TIMES
STORY CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS SUPPOSEDLY CONTAINED IN SOON
TO BE PUBLISHED BOOK BY ISRAELI CORRESPONDENT MATTI GOLAN.
THESE ALLEGATIONS SUPPOSEDLY ARE BASED ON MY PRIVATE DIS-
CUSSIONS IN ISRAEL.

2. THE DEPARTMENT IS DECLINING TO COMMENT IN GENERAL ON
THIS KIND OF GOSSIPY WRITING. THERE IS ONE ALLEGATION
CONCERNING PRESIDENT SADAT - QTE - KISSINGER ONCE DESCRIBED
EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT AS 'A FOOL...A CLOWN...A
BUFFOON.' IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH ISRAELI LEADERS,
KISSINGER SAID OF SADAT: 'WE WERE CONVINCED THAT HE WAS A
PASSING EPISODE. THAT HIS DAYS WERE FEW.' UNQTE. IN
RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR PARAGRAPH
THE SPOKESMAN IS REPLYING: QTE EVER SINCE THE SECRETARY
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FIRST MET PRESIDENT SADAT, HE HAS EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION

AND WARM PERSONAL FEELINGS FOR THE PRESIDENT. THEREFORE,
THIS REPORT IS OBVIOUSLY INCORRECT. UNQTE.

3. I AM PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION TO YOU FOR USE AT YOUR
DISCRETION IN CASE THIS MATTER COMES UP IN ANY OF YOUR

CONVERSATIONS OR IF IT IS RAISED BY PRESS IN EGYPT. PLEASE
REPORT ANY REACTION IN EGYPT TO THESE ALLEGATIONS. KISSINGER

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